



# **U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Program -**

## **PHEV Testing and Demonstration Activities Conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy's AVTA**

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# AVTA Background and Goals

- The Advanced Vehicle Testing Activity (AVTA) is part of DOE's Vehicle Technology Program
- The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) conducts the AVTA for DOE, with Electric Transportation Engineering Corporation (ETEC) providing testing support. Argonne National Laboratory conducts the dynamometer testing
- The AVTA goals:
  - Provide benchmark data to technology modelers, research and development programs, vehicle manufacturers (via VSATT), and target and goal setters
  - Assist fleet managers in making informed early adopter vehicle purchase, deployment and operating decisions



# AVTA Testing by Technology

- Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV)
  - 12 models, 187 vehicles, 1,00,000 fleet test miles
- Hybrid electric vehicles (HEV)
  - 17 models, 45 vehicles, 5.5 million test mile
- Neighborhood electric vehicles
  - 23 models, 200,000 test miles
- Hydrogen ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles
  - 7 models, 400,000 test miles
- Full-size battery electric vehicles (BEVs)
  - 40 BEV models, 5+ million test miles
- Urban electric vehicles
  - 3 models, 1 million test miles



# 12 PHEVs Models in Testing/Demonstrations

- Hymotion Prius (A123Systems)
- Hymotion Escape (A123Systems)
- Ford E85 Escape (Johnson Controls/Saft)
- EnergyCS Prius, 2 models (Valance and Altair Nano)
- Electrovaya Escape (Electrovaya)
- Hybrids Plus Escape, 2 models (Hybrids Plus and K2 Energy Solutions)
- Hybrids Plus Prius (Hybrids Plus)
- Manzanita Prius (lead acid)
- Manzanita Prius (Thunder Sky)
- Renault Kangoo (Saft NiCad)
- (All batteries are Lithium unless noted)



# PHEV Testing Methods and Objectives

- Perform independent testing of PHEVs, using:
  - Baseline performance testing: closed test tracks and dynamometers
  - Accelerated testing: dedicated drivers operating on defined onroad loops
  - Fleet testing: everyday unstructured \ non-directed fleet and public use, with onboard data loggers
  - Laboratory testing of PHEV batteries
- Testing used to document:
  - Battery life, charging patterns and profiles
  - Vehicle operations, fuel use (electricity and gasoline) and infrastructure requirements
  - Driver influences on fuel use
  - Individual PHEV models and PHEV concepts

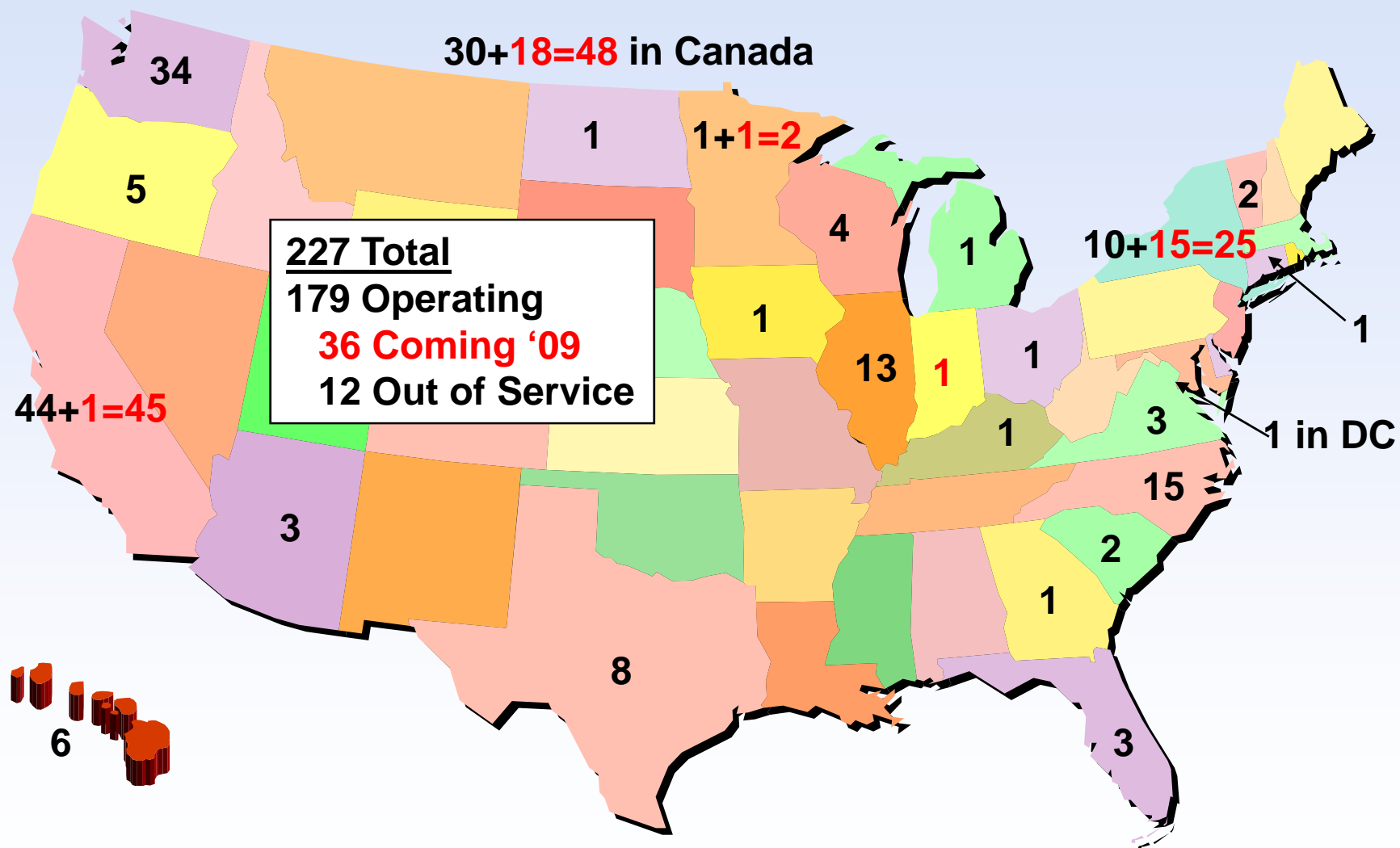


# Fleet Demonstration Partners

- **75+ Testing partners in the U.S. and Canada, including:**
  - **40 Electric utilities and 2 clean air agencies**
  - **10 City, county, state, and province governments**
  - **7 Private companies and advocacy organizations**
  - **8 Universities and colleges**
  - **2 PHEV conversion companies**
  - **1 sea port and 1 DOD facility**
  - **Operating in**
    - **22 U.S. states**
    - **4 Canadian provinces**

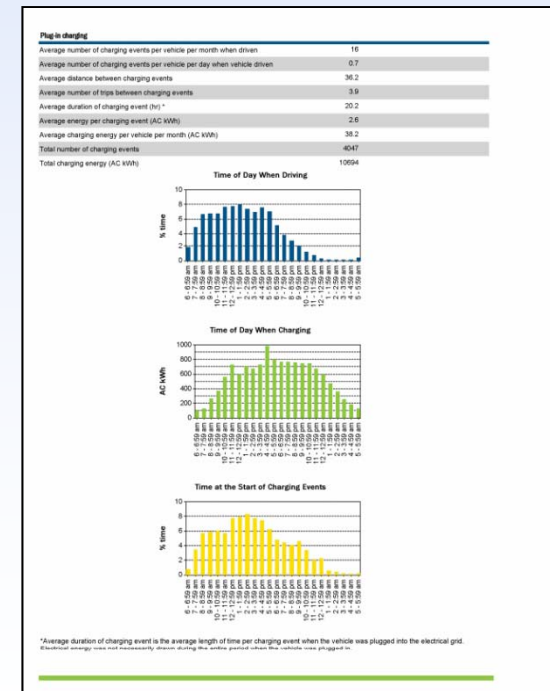
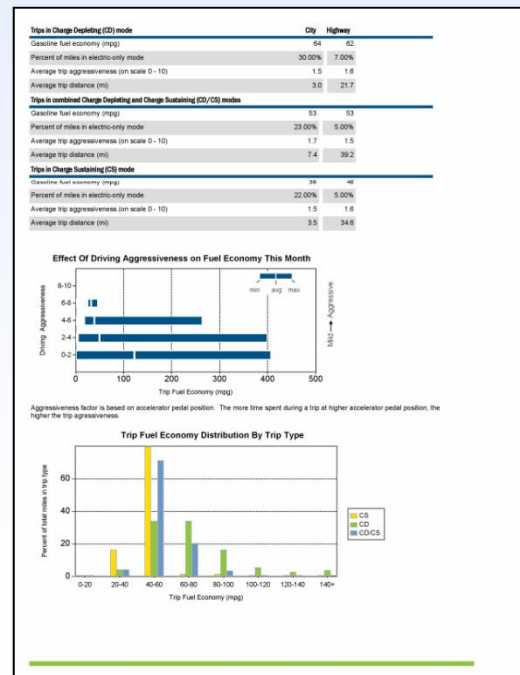
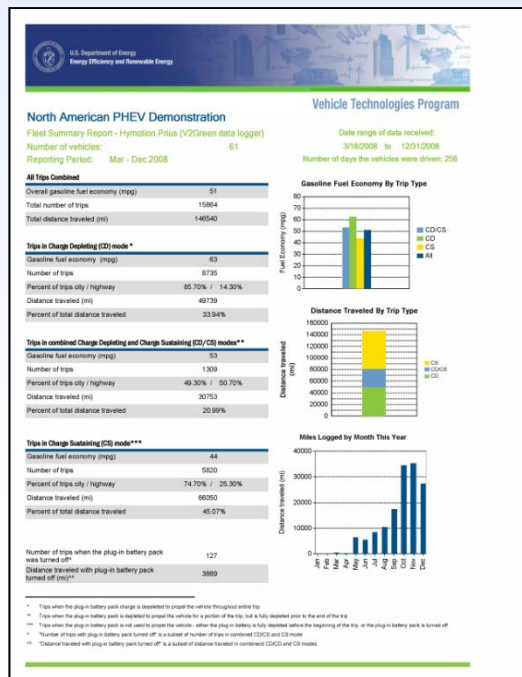


# PHEVs and Demonstration Locations



# PHEV Fleet Testing Reports

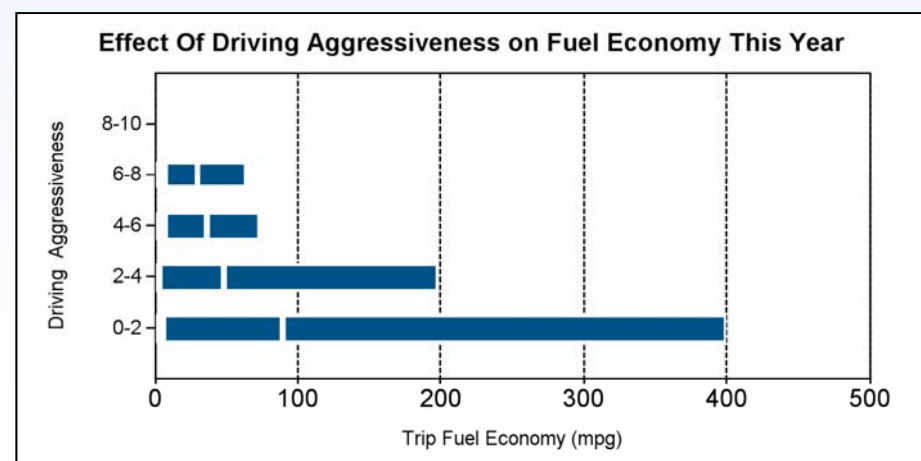
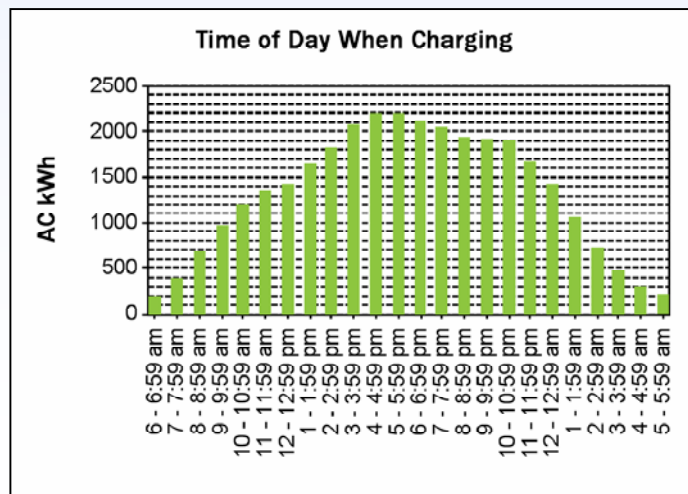
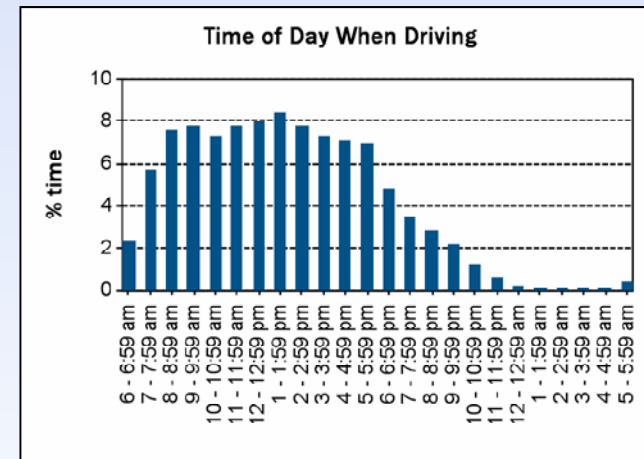
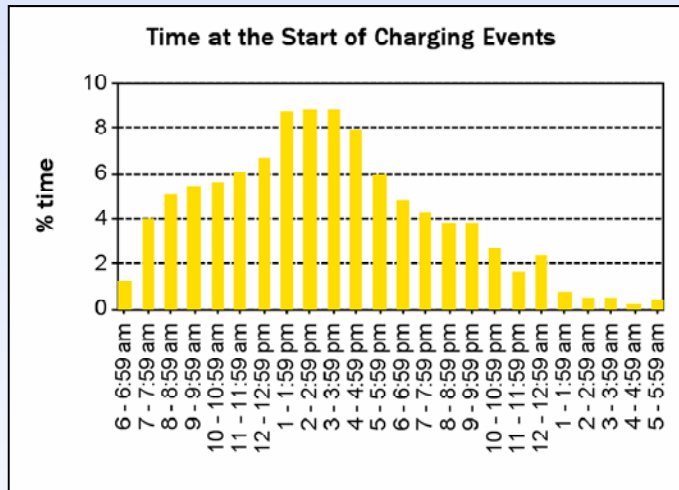
- Summary reports posted monthly on web
- Individual vehicle reports only go to the respective fleets each month, 950+ reports to date (July 1, 2009)
- 150 Hymotion Prius PHEVs, 710,000 miles, 76,000 trips, 18,000 charging events, 43,000 kWh used. V2Green and Kvaser data logger reports





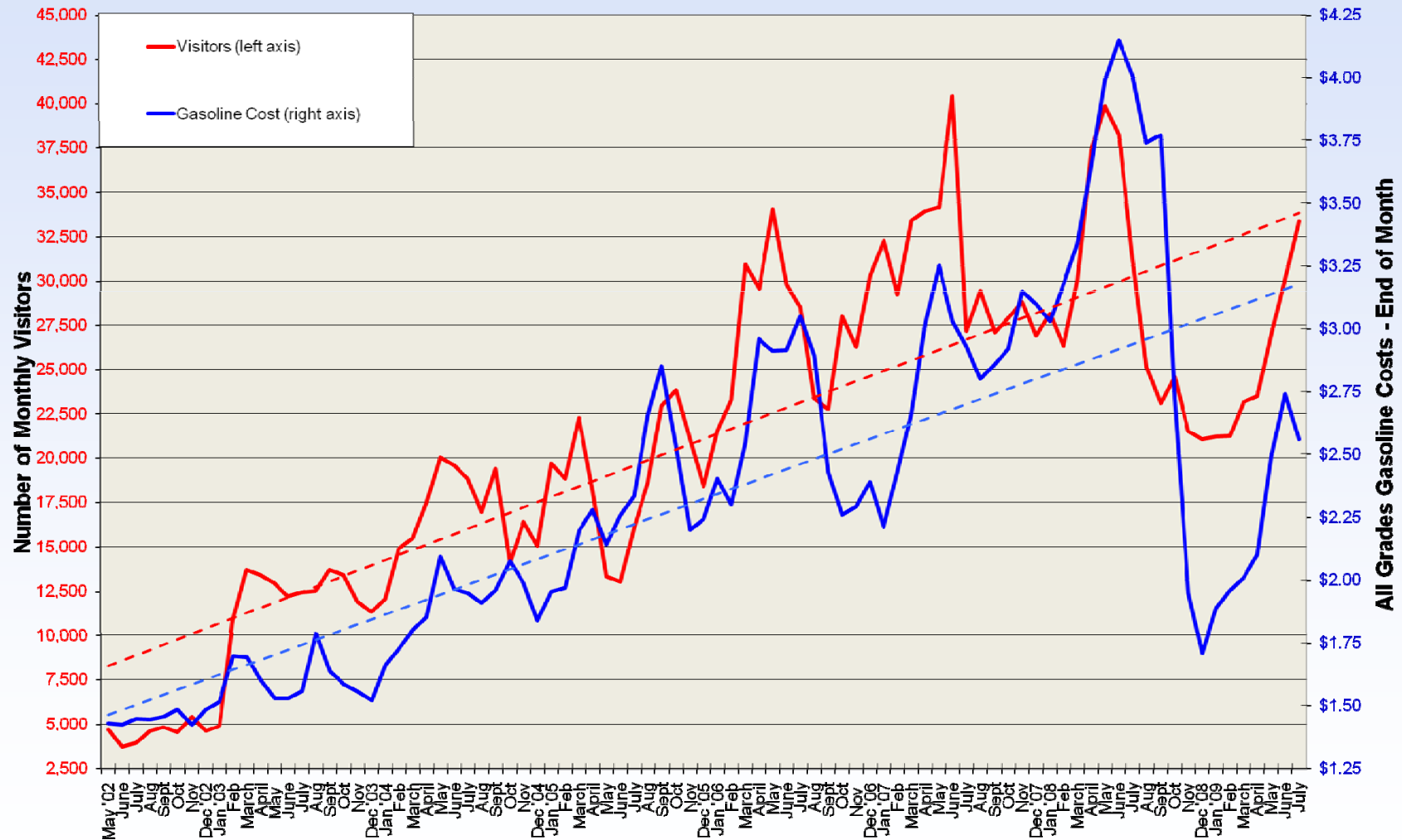
# Hymotion Prius (V2Green Logger) Fleet Tests

- March 01/08 to July 01/09. 110 PHEVs, 498,000 miles, 54,000 trips, 12,400 charging events and 31,000 kWh used



# AVTA Webpage Use and Gasoline Costs

INL WWW Visitors & Gasoline Costs (all formulations, areas, and grades)

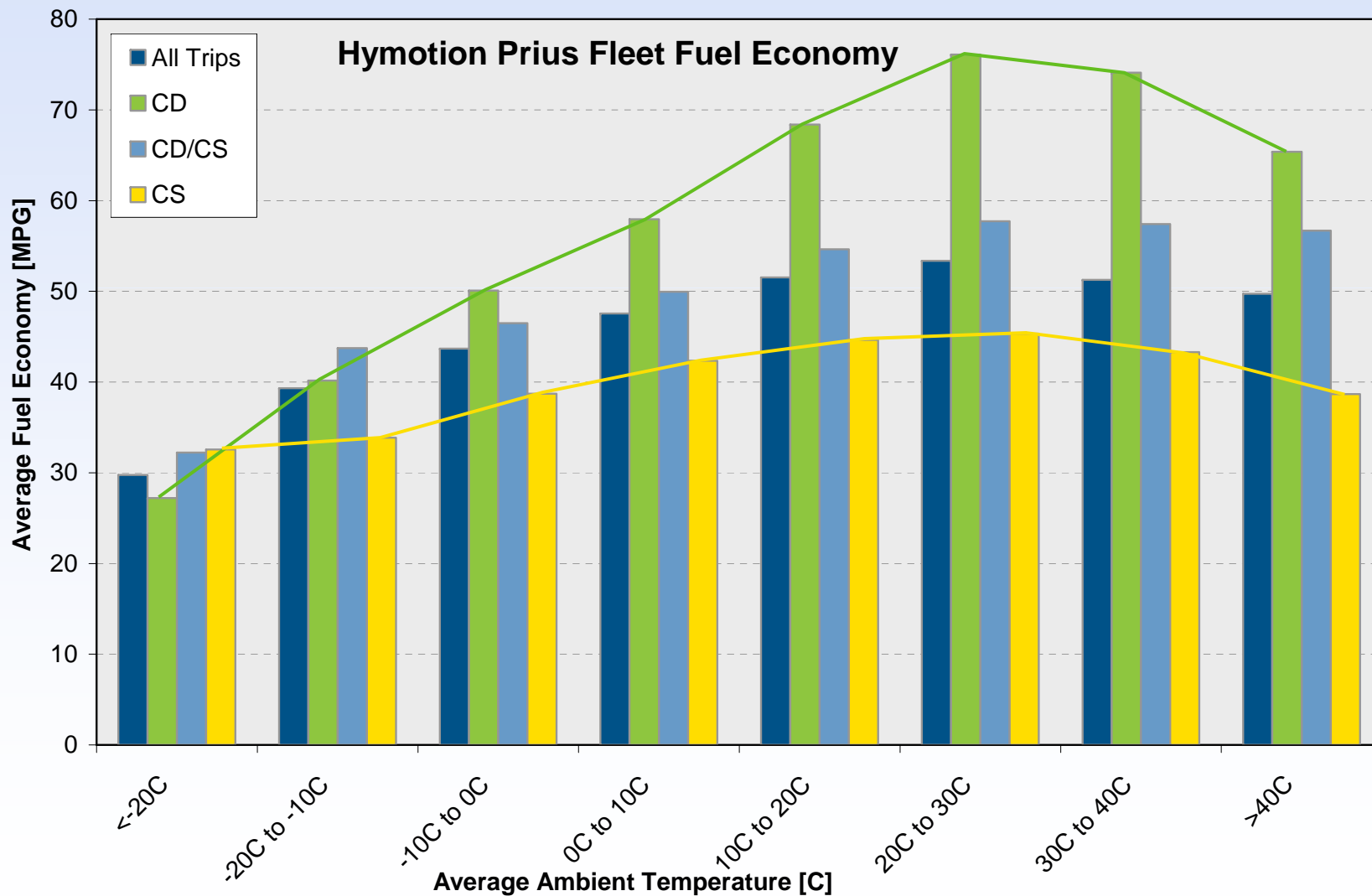


# Hymotion Prius PHEV

- Conversion PHEV based on Gen II Toyota Prius
- 5 kWh additional battery system installed in rear of vehicle
  - Production NiMH battery is continued to be used
- Power is transferred from the Hymotion Li-Ion batteries to the vehicle through a DC/DC converter
  - Energy transfer is uni-directional
    - Hymotion system is not recharged by regen braking nor engine power
    - Grid energy recharges battery system through on-board charger



# Ambient Temperature Significantly Impacts Fuel Economy of PHEV's

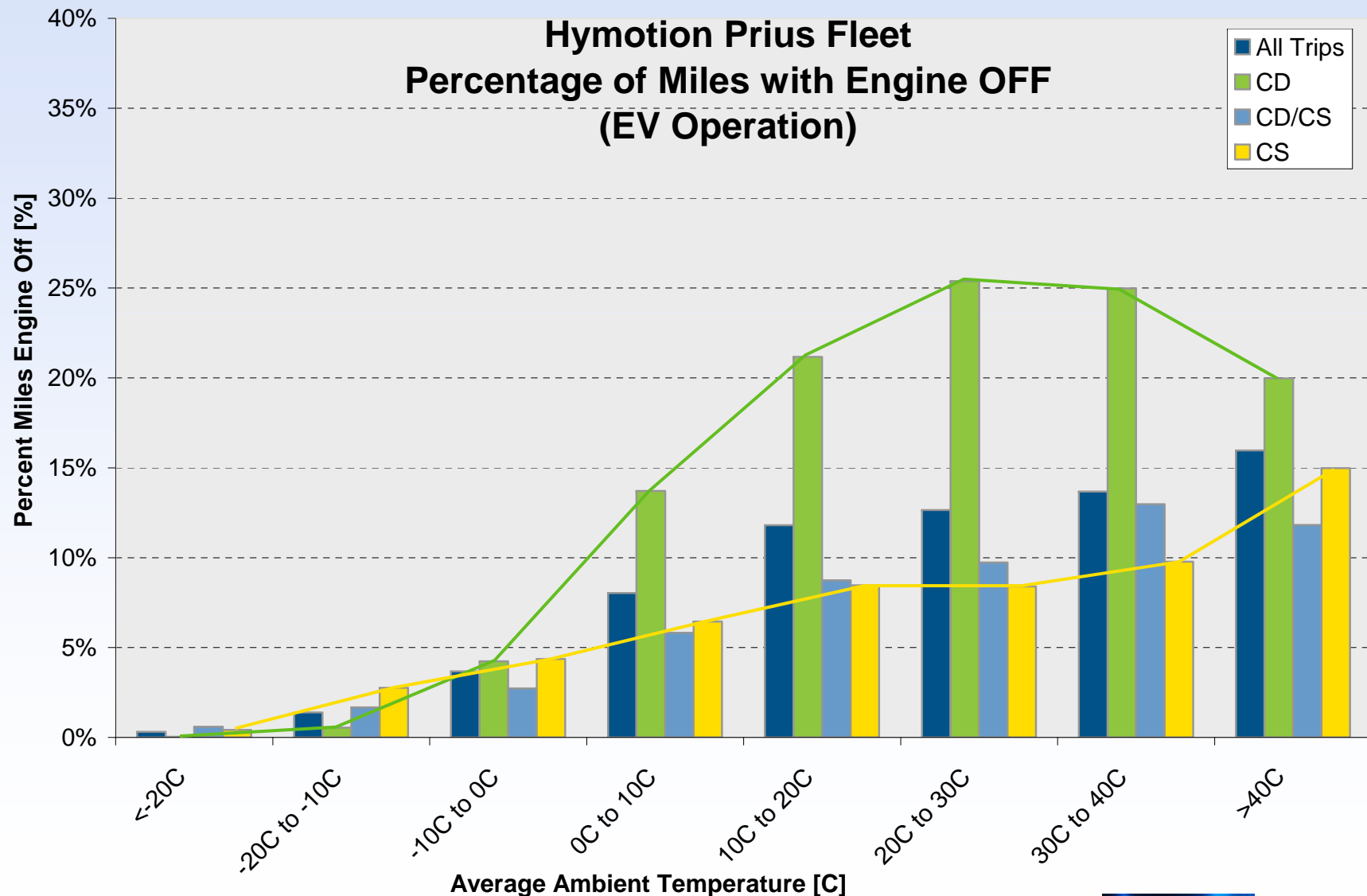


# Reasons for Decreased PHEV Fuel Economy at Extreme Temperatures

- **IC Engine**
  - Increased operating time at low temperatures
    - Supply cabin heat
    - Maintain Catalyst temperature for emissions control
  - Decreased Efficiency
    - Increased friction losses at low temperatures
- **Battery System**
  - Decreased usable energy capacity
  - Decreased power capability
- **Accessories using additional energy**
  - Air Conditioner
  - Defroster

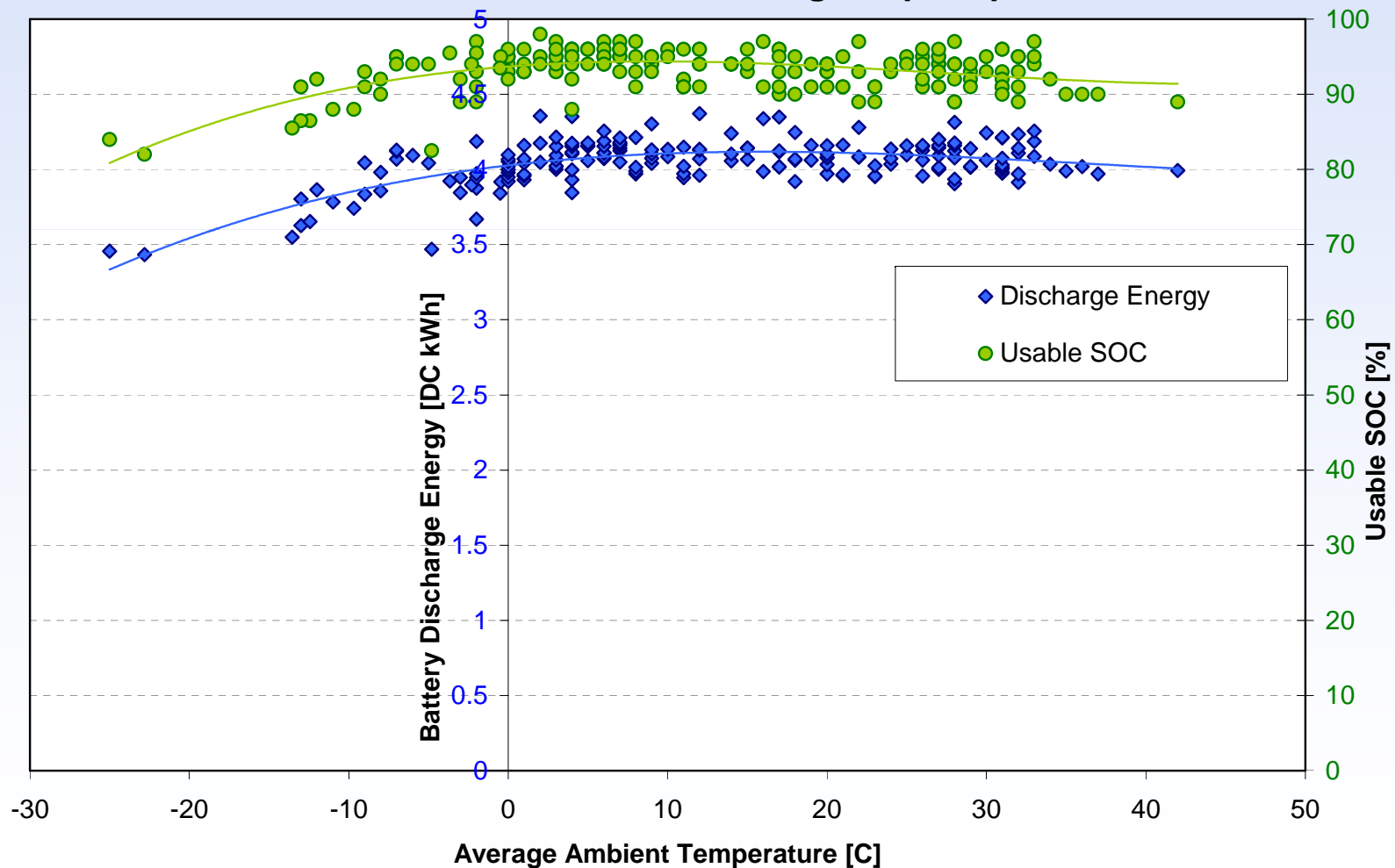


# Engine Operation is a Main Factor for change of Fuel Economy for PHEV's



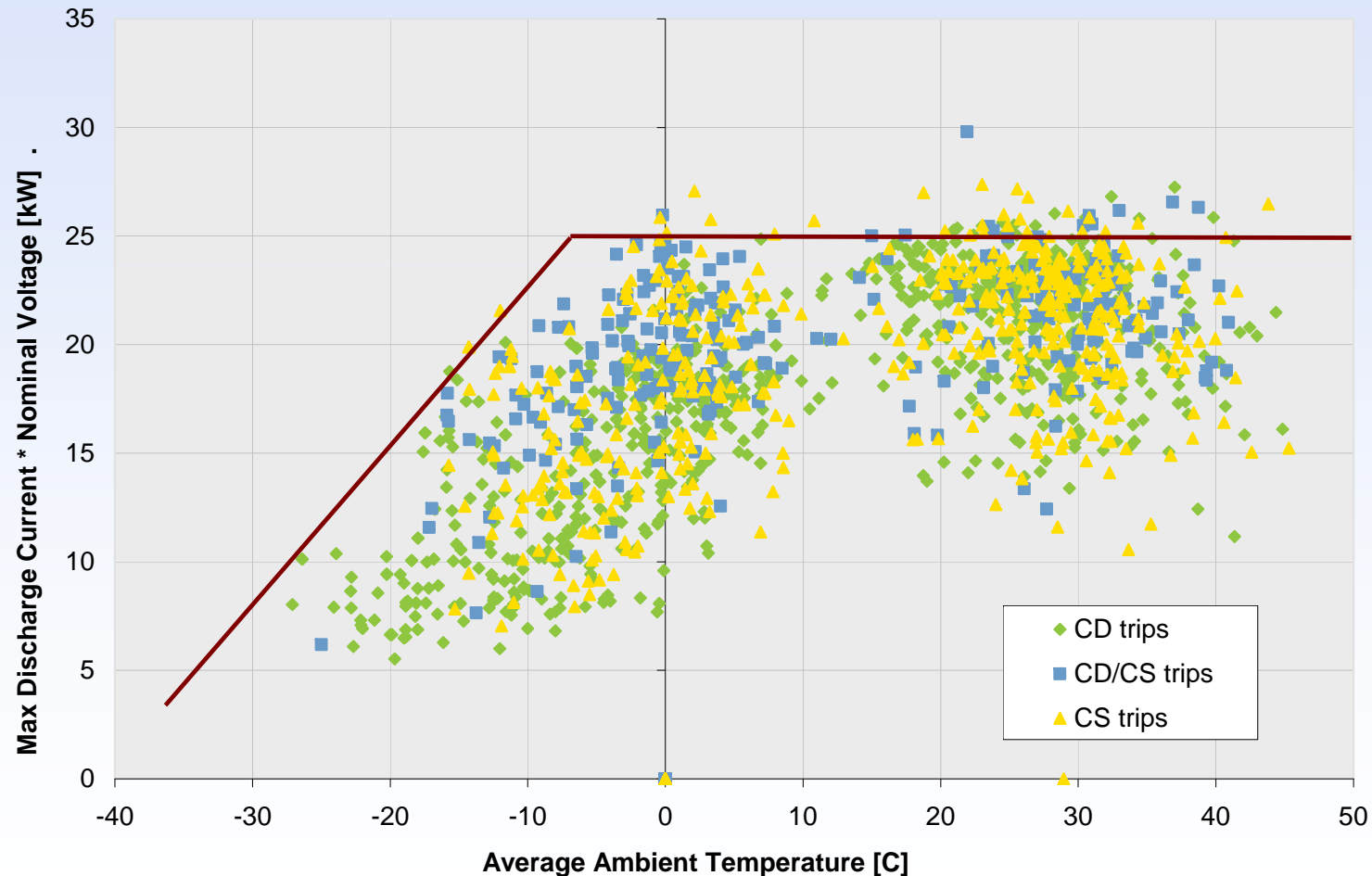
# Usable Battery Capacity is Slightly Effected by Temperature

Hymotion Prius Battery Energy Capacity  
PHEV Fleet Results from Full Charge Trip Sequences

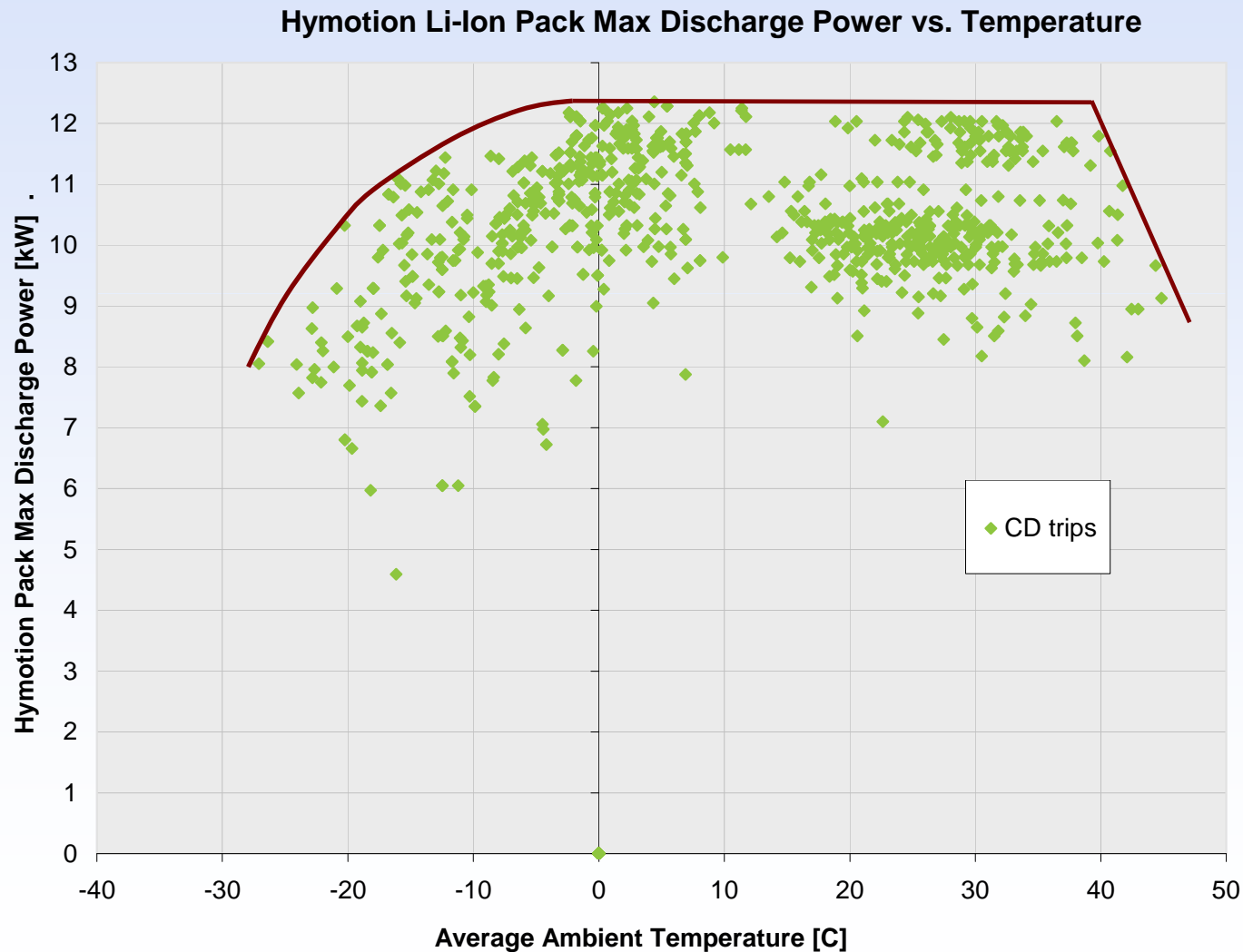


# NiMH Battery Power Limitation by Prius Calibration

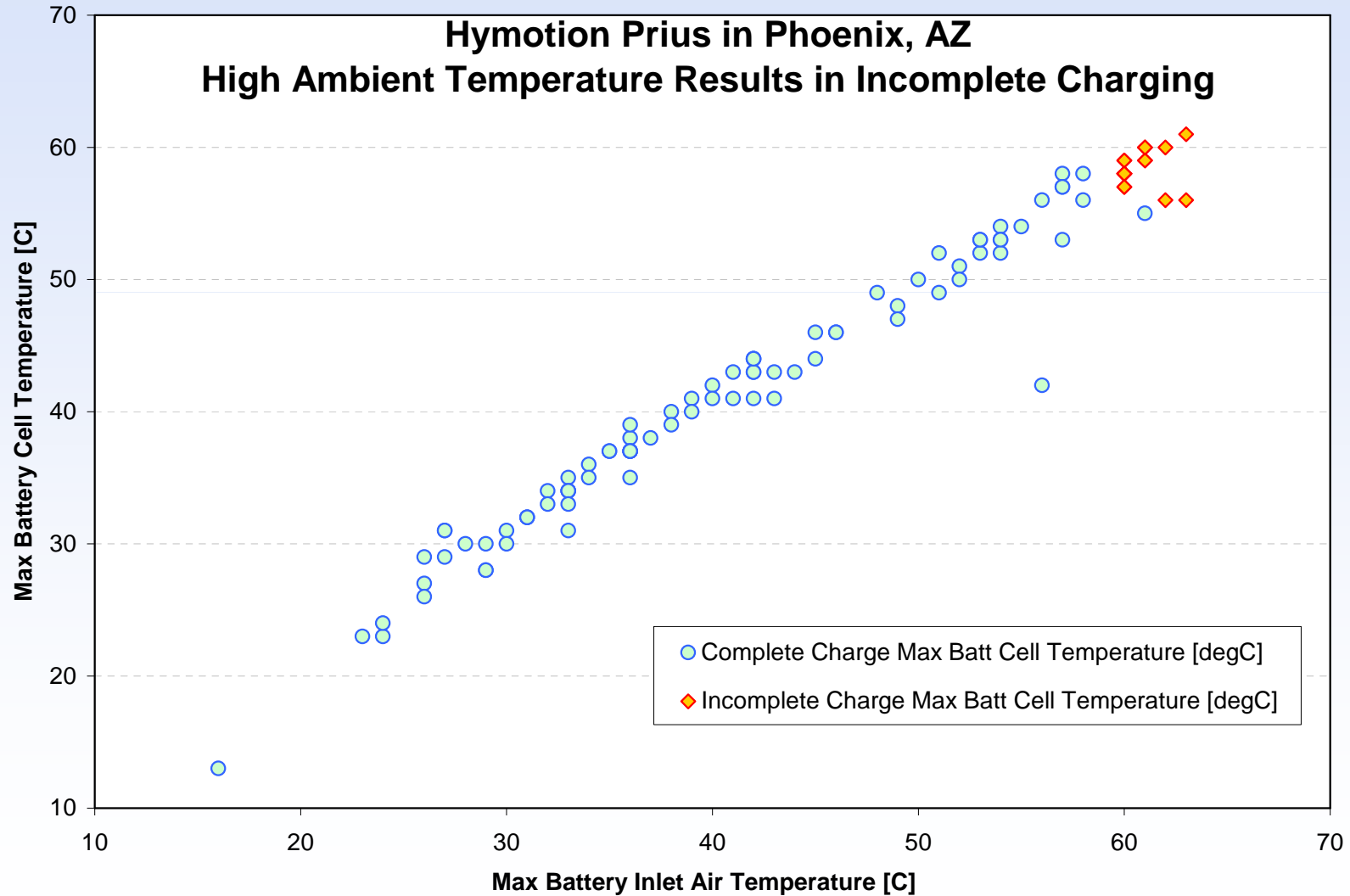
Prius NiMH Pack Max Discharge Power vs. Temperature



# Li-Ion Battery System Power is also Limited by Prius Calibration at Extreme Temperatures

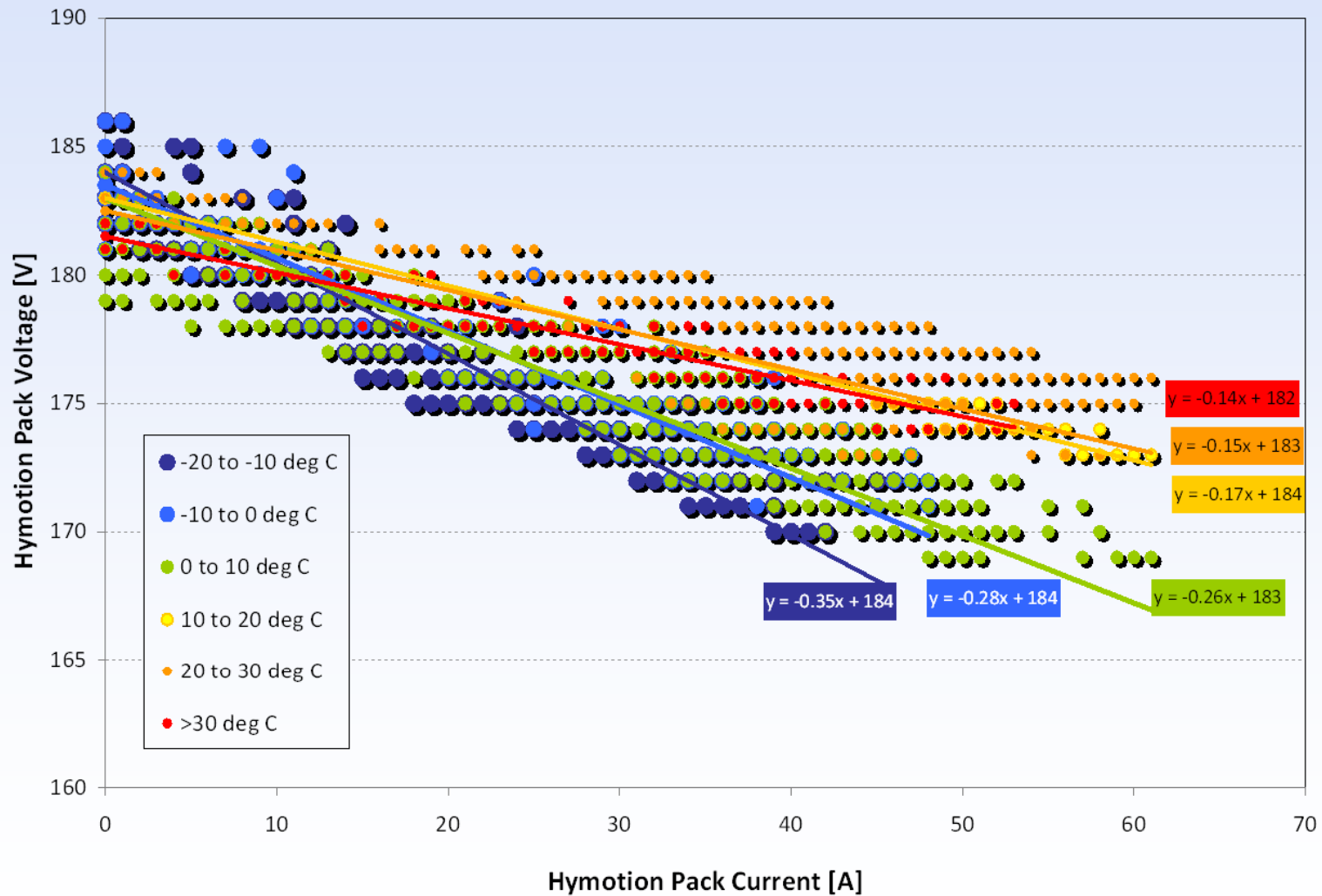


# Incomplete Charging Observed at Very High Temperatures

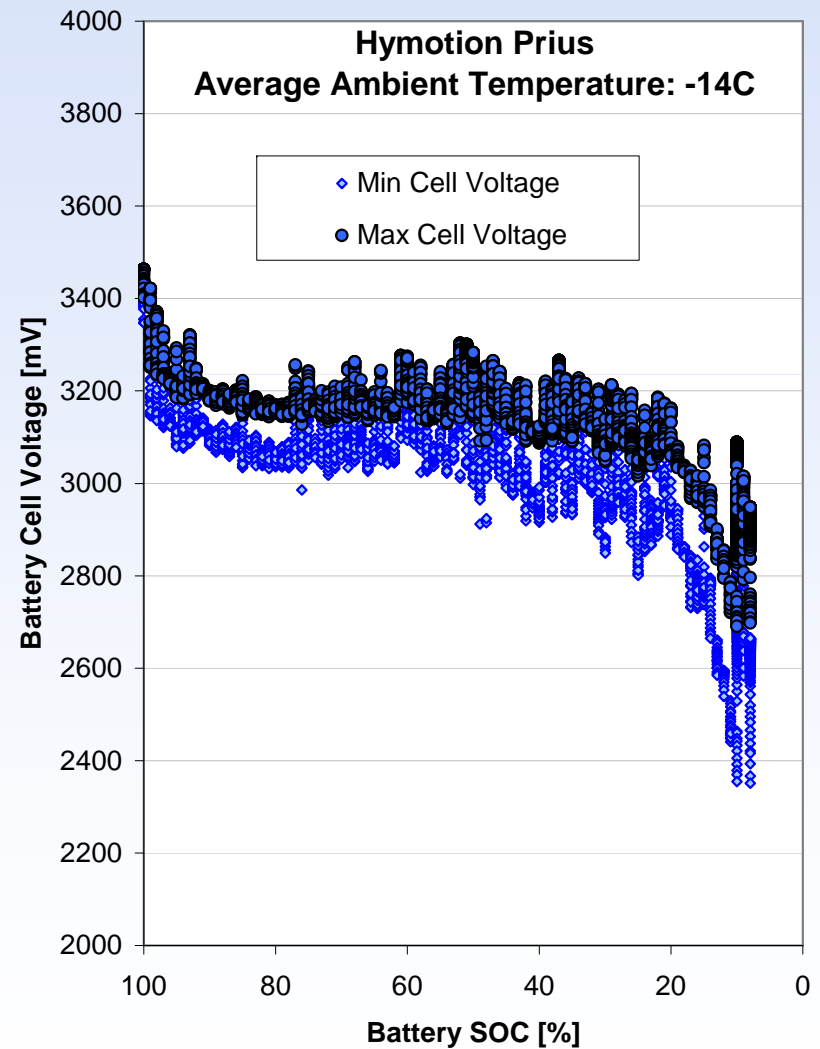
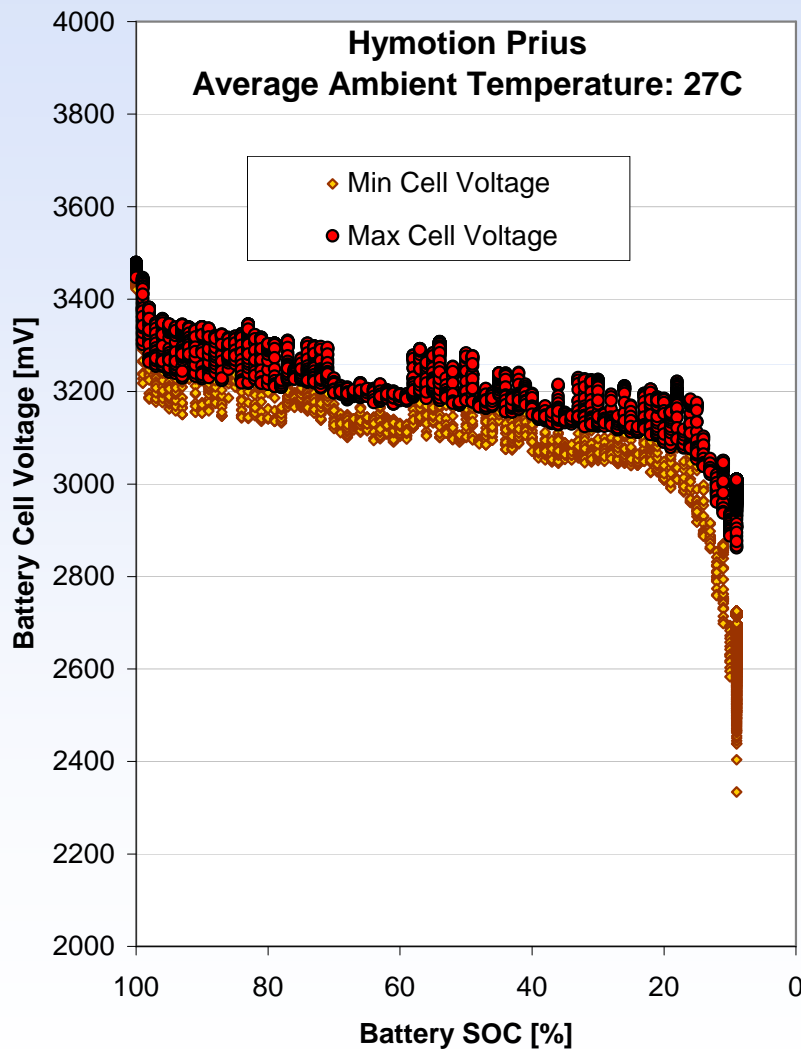




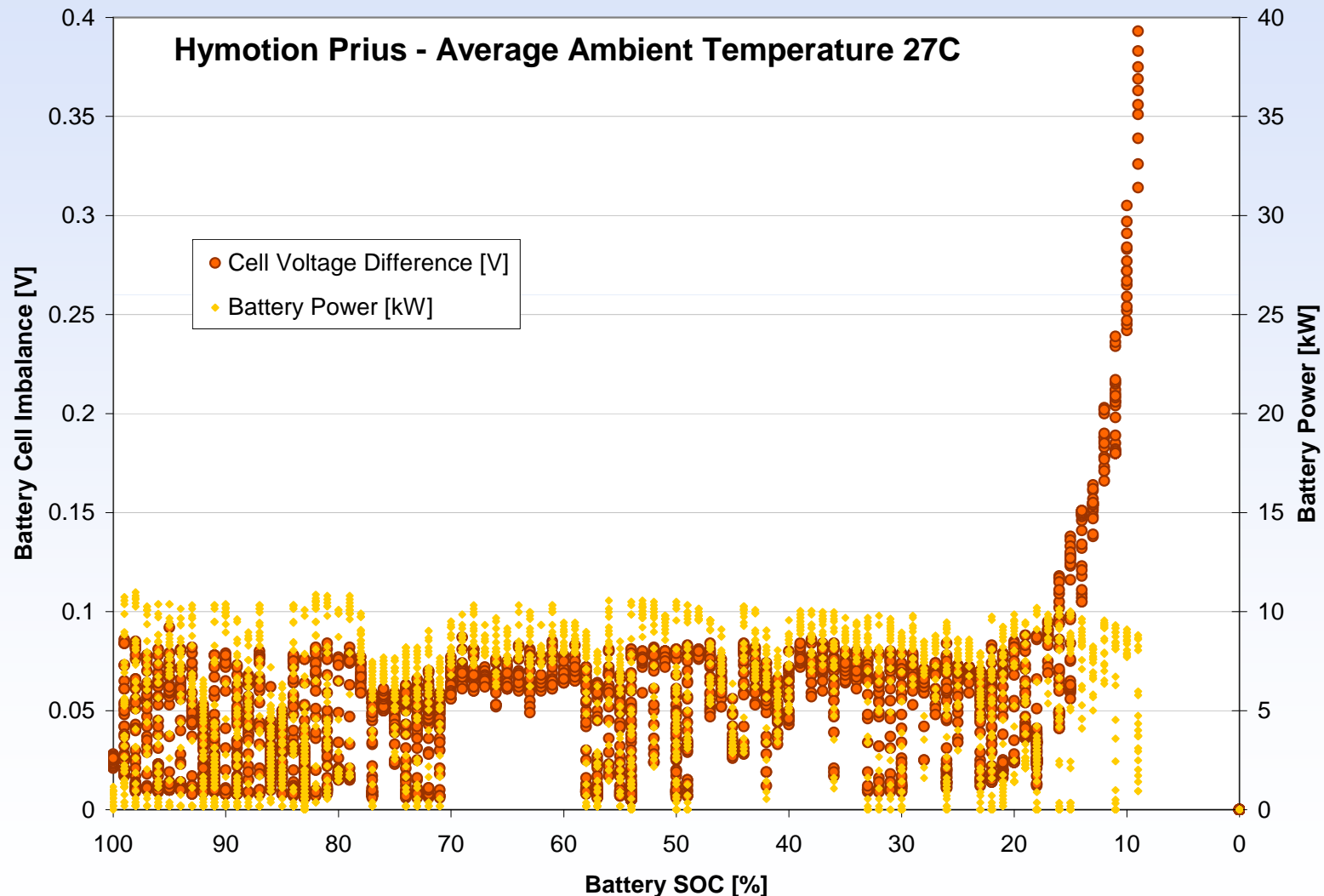
# Hymotion Li-Ion Battery Internal Resistance Change with Temperature



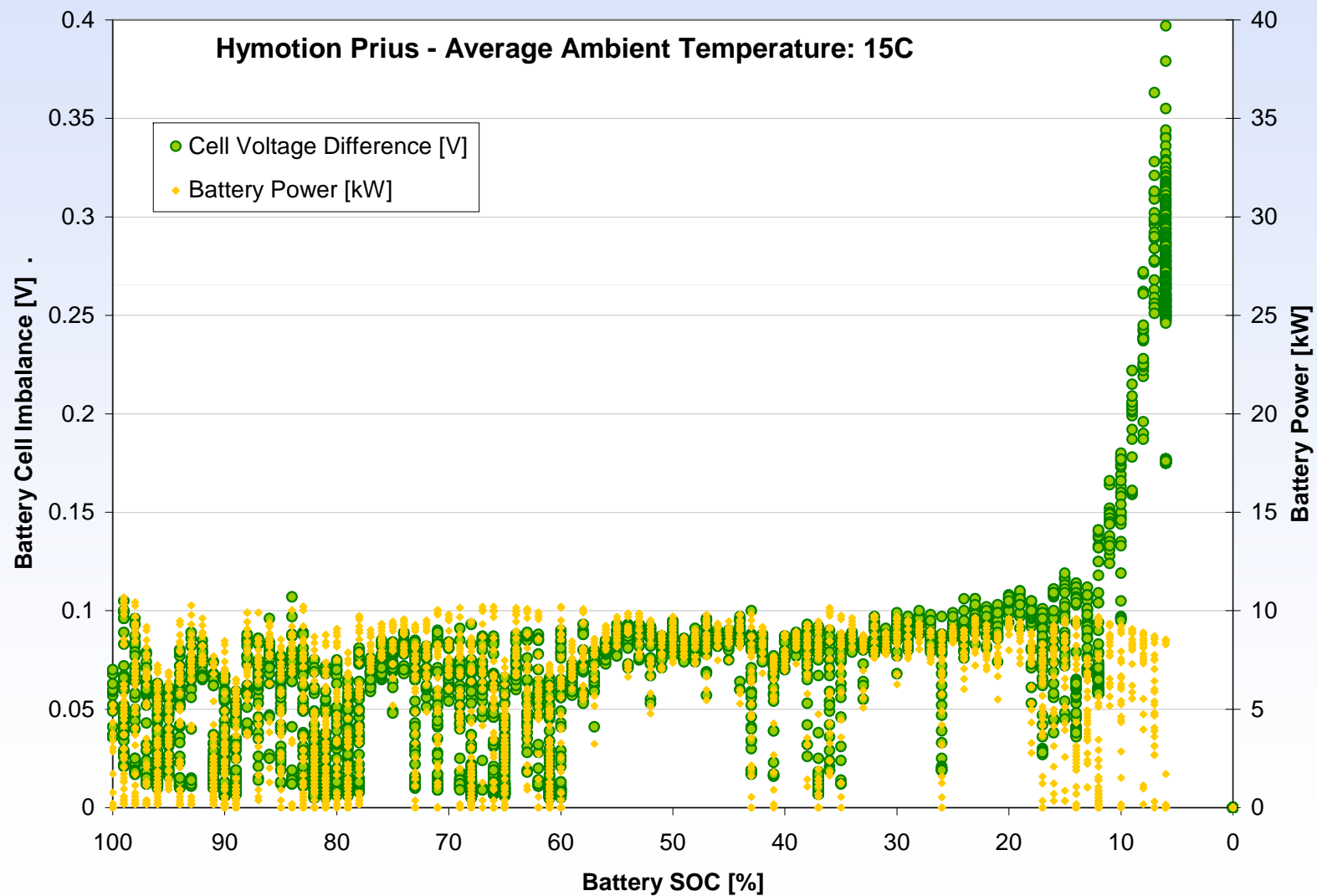
# Battery Cell Voltage Varies more at Low Temperatures due to Increase Internal Resistance



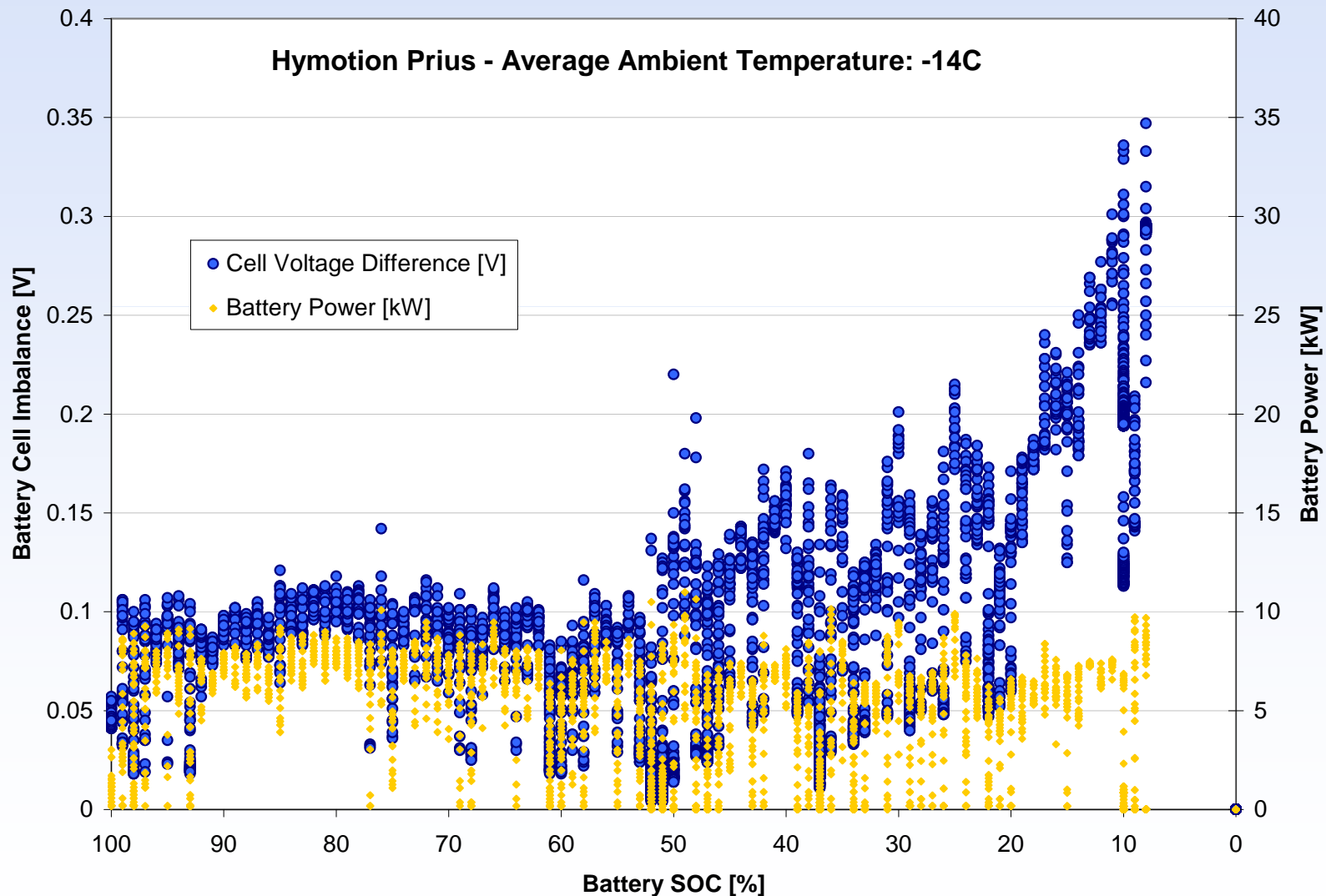
# Battery Cells have Moderate Imbalance at Higher Temperatures



# Battery Cells have Moderate Imbalance at Mid Temperatures

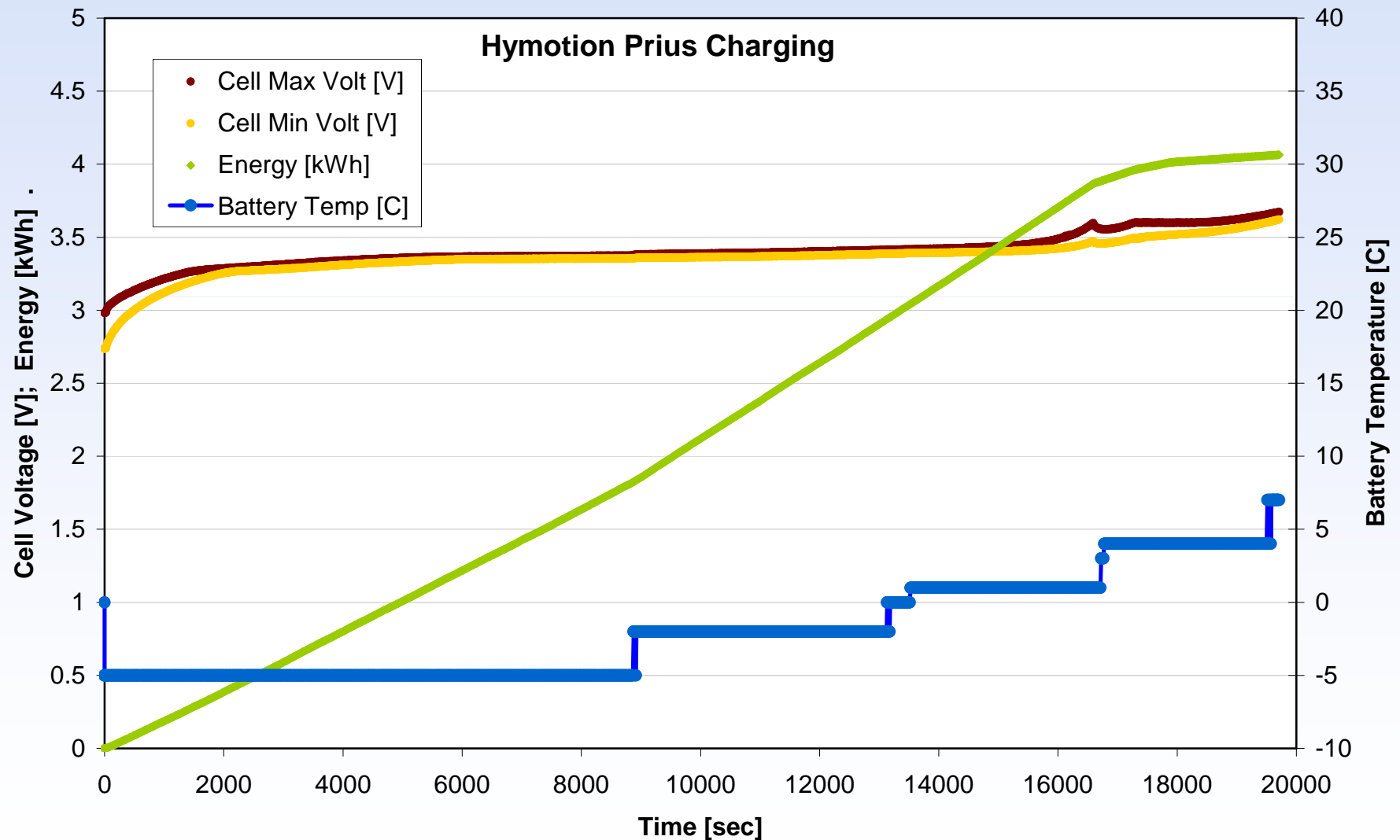


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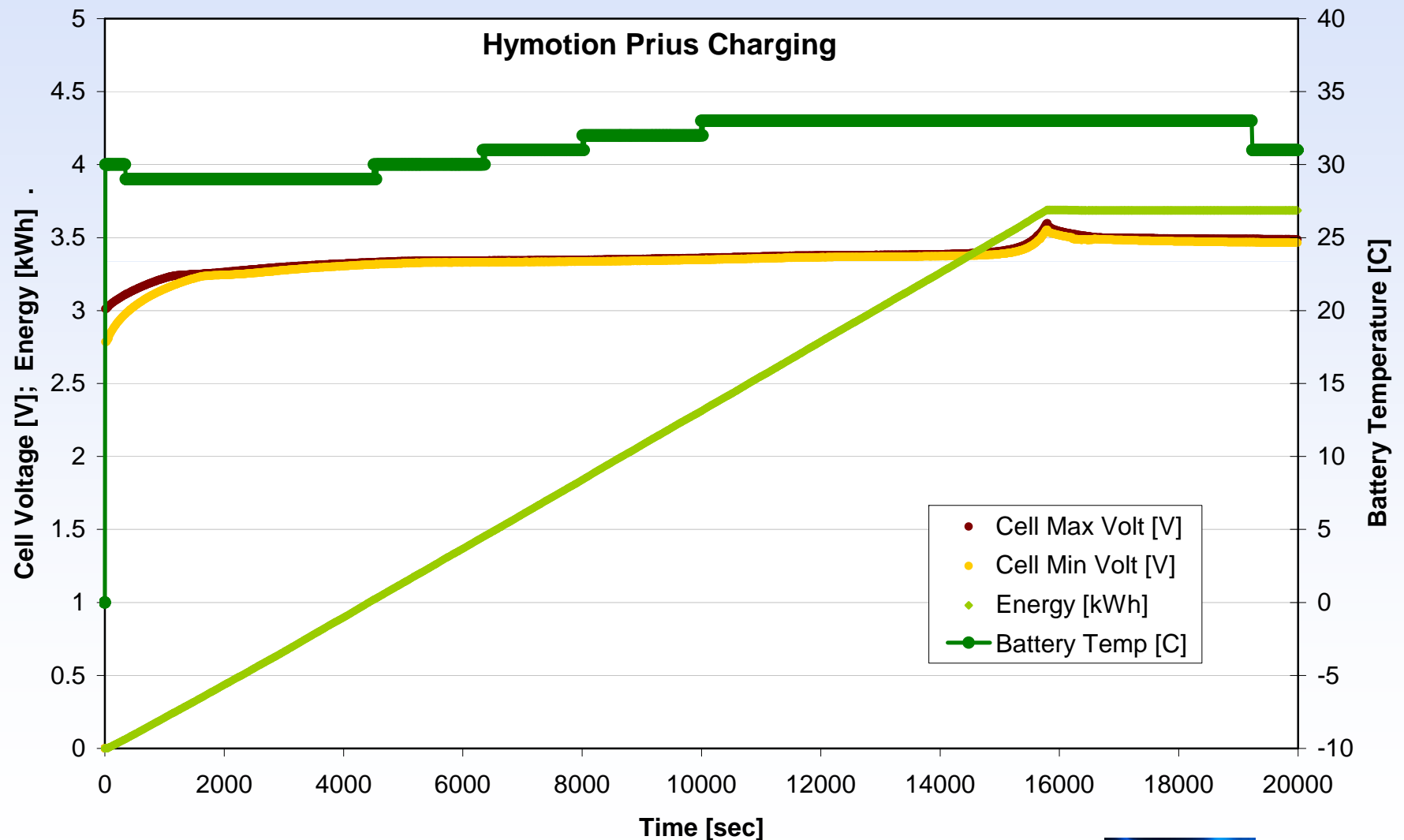




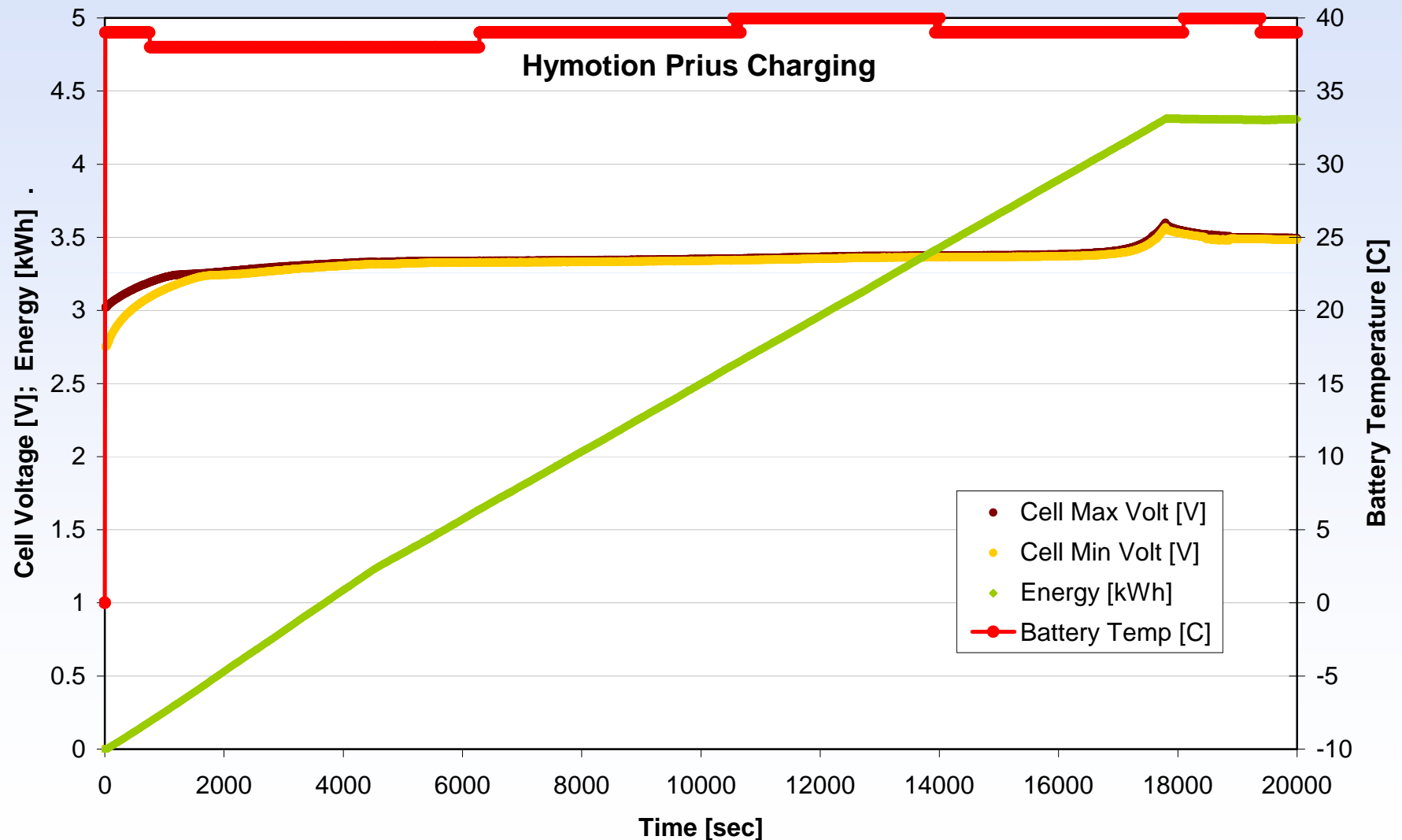
# Charging At Low Temperature Requires Increased Energy for Cell Balancing



# Charging At Mid Temperature Does Not Require Increased Energy for Cell Balancing



# Charging At Higher Temperature Does Not Require Increased Energy for Cell Balancing



# Summary

- **Extreme ambient temperatures significantly impact PHEV fuel economy**
  - Engine operating time increases
  - Accessories utilization increases
- **Prius battery control system (calibrated for NiMH) is not able to take full advantage of possible benefits of Li-Ion technology at extreme temperatures**
- **Battery capabilities show a slight decrease at low temperatures**
  - Reduced energy capacity
  - Increased internal resistance
  - Increased cell imbalance which could lead to further reduction in capacity

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## Additional Information

**<http://avt.inl.gov>  
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**<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/avta/>**

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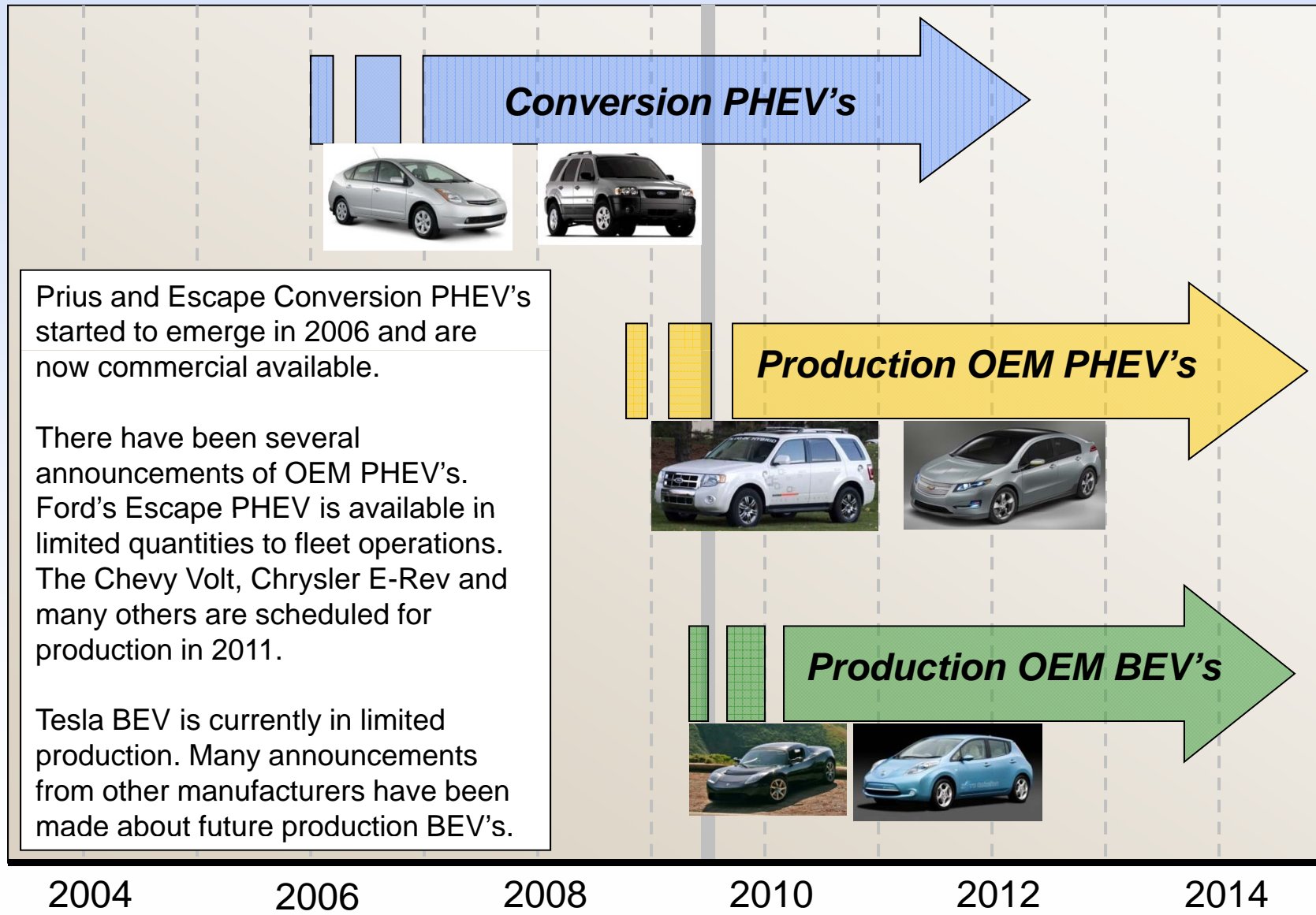




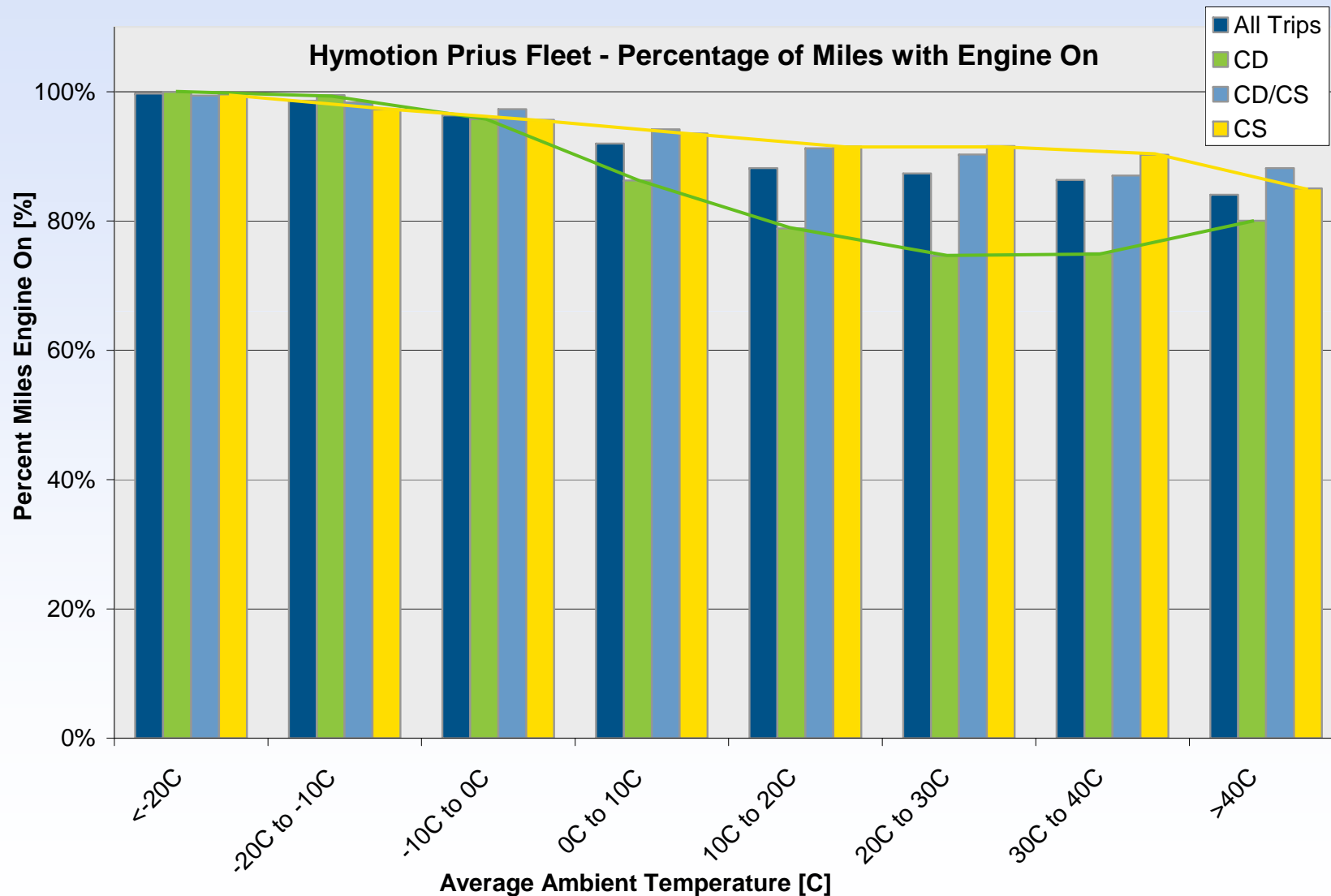
# Backup Slides



# Timeline of Advanced Vehicle Availability



# Engine Operation is a Main Factor for change of Fuel Economy for PHEV's



# Other PHEV Testing

- **Bidirectional vehicle-to-grid (V2G) charging study**
  - 6 kW and 20 kW levels, using lithium PHEV batteries, V2Green cellular charging control. Documents infrastructure requirements and costs
- **City of Seattle \ V2Green lead time-of-day charging demonstration on 13 Seattle-area PHEVs. Includes INL battery impact analysis. Uses wireless charging control**
- **Developing vehicle-based battery test bed research project for testing PHEV and BEV batteries in various vehicle and charging operating scenarios**
- **Conduct vehicle \ battery testing on PHEVs when received via DOE's Technology Assistance and Demonstration Activity**

# Other PHEV Testing – cont'd

- Tacoma Power charging infrastructure study
  - AVTA and Tacoma Power are collecting data on one section of administration building (800 amp, 480 volt, 3 phase load) and PHEV charging infrastructure
  - Document demand and energy profiles of PHEV charging as portion of facility profiles
  - WiFi local energy meter (LEM) data collection system



# PHEV Charging Infrastructure Cost Report

- Analyzes PHEV infrastructure requirements in single and multi-family residential, and commercial facilities as well as driving trends. No site specific costs
- Charging infrastructure equipment/administrative costs:
  - Levels 1 (120V, 15 or 20 amp) and 2 residential
  - Levels 1 and 2 (208/240V ~40 amp) apartment complex
  - Level 2 commercial facility
- Battery sizes & charge times for various PHEV platforms
- Power electronics & battery costs for PHEV platforms

Level 1 Residential	Labor	Material	Permits	Total
EVSE (charge cord)	--	\$250	--	\$250
Residential circuit installation (20A branch circuit, 120 VAC/1-Phase)	\$300	\$131	\$85	\$516
Administration costs	\$60	\$43	\$9	\$112
Total Level 1 Cost	\$360	\$424	\$94	\$878

Report @ <http://avt.inl.gov/pdf/phev/phevInfrastructureReport08.pdf>

